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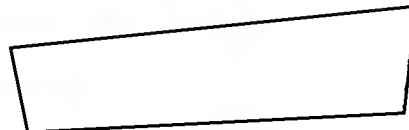
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Foreign Missile and Space Activities

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 27 April forwarding to me a copy of the DOD Review of Missile and Space Intelligence Programs.
2. I note that you are establishing a Defense Special Missile and Astronautics Center (Defense/SMAC) for the central control of DOD collection facilities and for the production of departmental analyses of missile and space events. This is a most helpful move since it will provide a single DOD point of contact for the Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center (FMSAC)--which, as you know, I established last October--in exercising its responsibilities to me for analysis and reporting at the national level. The DOD unit will also provide a central control point to which tasking of collection assets can be directed. I share your expression of hope that FMSAC and Defense/SMAC will establish a high degree of mutually cooperative effort. In this connection, I attach particular importance to establishing a mechanism which assures that all missile and space intelligence data from DOD, as well as other collection resources, is made available to FMSAC.
3. With regard to your invitation to provide CIA representation in the Defense/SMAC, members of my staff have already held preliminary discussions with DOD personnel and expect to assign an experienced analyst to this function in the immediate future. By a separate memorandum I have been invited by General Carroll to provide participating representation of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Defense/SMAC. I have asked Mr. Carl E. Duckett, the Director of FMSAC, to provide such representation from the FMSAC organization.

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4. With regard to your proposal to establish a DOD-CIA Missile and Space Intelligence Management Coordination Group, I consider it preferable to utilize the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) of USIB which has the responsibility to "coordinate guided missile and astronautics intelligence production activities of the Government" as outlined in DCID No. 3/4. If later developments indicate that this USIB committee is not adequate to provide the type of collaboration required, I would, of course, be prepared to review the matter. For matters which might arise between FMSAC and elements of the Defense Department which are not clearly within the coordination responsibilities of GMAIC, Mr. Duckett is the appropriate CIA contact, and for major policy discussions, Dr. Albert D. Wheelon, Deputy Director for Science & Technology; or Lt. General Marshall S. Carter, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

5. I feel certain that the foregoing arrangements will help to alleviate the concern I have had in this regard and which I discussed with Secretary Gilpatric last August, and which resulted in my establishment of FMSAC early last fall. This arrangement should help me appreciably in discharging my responsibilities under the National Security Act of 1947.

(SIGNED) JOHN A. MCCONE

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Director

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Foreign Missile and Space Activities

You will recall that, after several discussions with you on the importance of improving our intelligence capabilities on Soviet missile and space activities, I arranged for a DOD review of missile and space intelligence programs by Dr. Fubini and General Carroll. I have now received the DOD review, a copy of which is inclosed for your information. I have approved and directed implementation of its recommendations for improvements in the management arrangements and procedures of Defense missile and space intelligence activities. Two major actions involved are:

a. The establishment of a Defense Special Missile and Astronautics Center (Defense/SMAC) at Ft. Meade, Maryland, responsible for the central control of all DOD missile and space intelligence collection facilities and for current analysis and reporting of missile and space events.

b. The reorganization within DIA of the Scientific and Technical Intelligence Office as a Directorate for Scientific and Technical Intelligence with the competence, capability, and responsibility for tasking and technical control of all missile and space intelligence analysis conducted by Defense components and for coordination with the CIA. The consolidation of the Missile and Space Intelligence Programs of DOD components, contained in the attached DOD review, in my judgment, for the first time, identifies with considerable precision US resources allocated to specific tasks in collection and processing functions and to the specific intelligence targets of analysis. This Defense effort represents a major commitment of Defense resources directly and inherently related to the execution of military responsibilities.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I are agreed that control and direction of these resources by DOD is essential to provide the necessary intelligence support to the DOD in the development, deployment, and operation of US military forces to support US national objectives and provide for the security of our country. We therefore consider that the production of US intelligence on foreign missile and space activities must, for military reasons and in the interests of effectiveness and economy, continue to be a primary responsibility of DOD. We are also fully aware of your initiation of the CIA Foreign

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Missile and Space Analysis Center (FMSAC) and its potential effectively to contribute to the national effort. We appreciate your statement that you hope that FMSAC will be helpful to DOD and we share this hope that the improvements outlined above will facilitate maximum DOD use of FMSAC capabilities in a cooperative effort between FMSAC and DIA in this critical intelligence field.

We consider it now feasible and necessary to establish a DOD-CIA Missile and Space Intelligence Management Coordination Group to facilitate Defense and CIA collaboration in the provision of intelligence on foreign missile and space activities. It is suggested that initially the group consist of the Assistant Director for Scientific and Technical Intelligence, DIA, the Director, FMSAC, CIA, and a representative from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Deputy Director, DDR&E).

As a further step to improve DOD-CIA coordination and mutual support, we consider that CIA participation in the Defense Special Missile and Astronautics Center is essential. We have therefore instructed the Director, DIA, to invite the CIA to provide representation in the Defense/SMAC.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I consider that these measures will provide for the most efficient and economical management of US resources for the production of intelligence in this area of utmost importance to our national security.



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